

DDS Legislative Update – March 30, 2016

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Note: This update is not a comprehensive list of bills before the Connecticut General Assembly. DDS is tracking and assessing the bills listed below for their potential impact on DDS consumers, families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS providers.

This legislative update shows some of the bills that are being tracked by DDS this session. If a Public Hearing on a bill has been scheduled the date of the public hearing and in most instances a link to the public hearing agenda will be after the bill’s description.

As the legislative session goes forward, bills will be referred from legislative committees to the House or Senate. The House or Senate then may refer the bills to other committees or chose to vote on them. In these updates, the last action taken on a bill will be in **bold**. For a bill to become law, both the House and the Senate must vote favorably on it by May 4, 2016 at midnight, and the Governor must sign the bill into law.

Key to Legislative Terminology:

Vote to Draft means a Proposed Bill will be drafted as a Committee Bill.

Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing means a bill will have a Public Hearing but the date of the Public Hearing is still to be determined.

Change of Reference means that the original committee is moving the bill to another committee without a Joint Favorable action.

JF means the committee reported the bill favorably to the House or Senate.

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A File Number (**File No.**) is a unique number given to a bill once it has reached the House or Senate Floor. A file copy of a bill with the file number has a plain-language description of what the bill’s provisions do, written by the Office of Legislative Research and a fiscal note that explains what a bill would cost or save to implement, written by the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

A House or Senate Calendar Number (**House or Senate Cal. No.**) is also a unique number that is given to a bill once it reaches the House or Senate Floor. This number is used to hold the bill’s place on either the House or Senate Calendar. If the bill is a House bill (H.B. 5000 or higher) or a Senate bill (S.B.1 to

4999) it first gets a Calendar Number from the chamber the bill originated in. Once a House bill is passed in the House, it goes on to the Senate where it receives a Senate Calendar Number. Likewise once a Senate bill (with a Senate Calendar Number) passes the Senate, it goes to the House and receives a House Calendar Number.

- **Bills Proposed by the Department of Developmental Services**

S.B. No. 132 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATION ON INVOLUNTARY FACILITY ADMISSIONS' **File No. 123**, Senate Cal. No. 145, to replace outdated reference concerning involuntary admissions.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing February 24, 2016** Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

- **Senate Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

S.B. No. 9 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC SPENDING', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS **Public Hearing March 11, 2016**

S.B. No. 11 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING **Public Hearing February 26, 2016**

S.B. No. 16 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING AGENCY EFFICIENCY IN THE REGULATION PROCESS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS **Public Hearing February 22, 2016** **S.B. No. 16** died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

S.B. No. 17 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 18, 2016** Human Services Committee JFS to the Senate.

S.B. No. 36 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS' **File No. 25**, Senate Cal. No. 77, to require health insurance policies that provide coverage for certain intravenously administered medications to provide coverage for certain orally administered medications on a basis no less favorable than for the intravenously administered medications.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE **Public Hearing February 18, 2016** Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

S.B. No. 38 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PATIENT LIFTS', to require health insurance coverage for the purchase or rental of patient lifts.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE **Public Hearing February 18, 2016** **S.B. No. 38** died in the Insurances and Real Estate Committee.

S.B. No. 70 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH PROVIDERS' **File No. 118**, Senate Cal. No. 141, to redefine "telehealth provider" to include speech and language pathologists and respiratory care practitioners.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing February 16, 2016** Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

S.B. No. 113 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVERS', to determine the state's need for additional Medicaid waivers and Medicaid state plan amendments.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing March 8, 2016** Human Services Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 114 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE', to allow more elderly persons to receive care at home while saving state Medicaid expenditures on institutional care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 23, 2016** **S.B. No. 114** died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed **S.B. No. 125** SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG COPAYS PAID BY STATE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES', to provide budget relief by increasing the amount of medical and prescription drug costs paid by state employees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS **S.B. No. 125** died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 126 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM', to require the Commissioner of Developmental Services to develop a plan for an internship program serving adults with autism.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing February 24, 2016** **S.B. No. 126** died in the Public Health Committee

S.B. No. 132 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATION ON INVOLUNTARY FACILITY ADMISSIONS' **File No. 123**, Senate Cal. No. 145, to replace outdated reference concerning involuntary admissions.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing February 24, 2016** Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 157 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE AND SAFE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AND YOUNGER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES' **File No. 261**, Senate Cal. No. 197, to ensure adequate and safe state-assisted housing for the elderly and younger

persons with disabilities.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 23, 2016](#) Housing Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 164](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TELEMONITORING SERVICES' [File No. 161](#), Senate Cal. No. 154, to provide Medicaid coverage for home telemonitoring services by a home health care agency.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 25, 2016](#) Committee on Aging JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 210](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION LIABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES FROM PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS' [File No. 55](#) Senate Cal. No. 92, to shift workers' compensation liability for personal care attendants from the consumer to the state by considering such personal care attendants to be state employees for the purposes of chapter 568 of the general statutes.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 25, 2016](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 219](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS', to: (1) Provide a Probate Court with the ability to transfer a file when another Probate Court has jurisdiction over the file, (2) eliminate the requirement that the Probate Court provide notice of certain proceedings to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, (3) require a hearing for a person under voluntary representation who is without an attorney before a change of residence for such person occurs, (4) set forth additional activities that require a filing fee, (5) clarify who may be granted rights of visitation with a minor, (6) expand jurisdictional venue in certain Probate Court proceedings involving removal of guardian or termination of parental rights, and (7) expand the types of entities that may be appointed as a conservator.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 2, 2016](#) Judiciary Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 221](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE' [File No. 264](#), Senate Cal. No. 205, to implement a system of paid family and medical leave in the state.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 8, 2016](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 268](#) (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS STATE BUDGET PROJECTIONS, TRENDS, AREAS OF GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EFFICIENCY, FEDERAL BUDGET ACTIVITY AND SPENDING CONTROL OPTIONS AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED THERETO', to establish a working group to discuss certain budget-related matters and develop recommendations related to such matters.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 11, 2016](#)

[S.B. No. 269](#) (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTING A FORTY-HOUR WORK WEEK FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to study the impact of requiring all state employees to

work a forty-hour work week.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 4, 2016](#)

[S.B. No. 274](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STREAMLINING WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS FOR RECIPIENTS OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE', to study the process by which the Department of Social Services approves and completes wheelchair repairs for medical assistance recipients and identify methods to streamline the process.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 3, 2016](#) [S.B. No. 274](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

[S.B. No. 279](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT WAIVING ASSET LIMITS FOR WORKING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO RECEIVE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE' File No. 317, Senate Cal. No. 236, to provide incentives for working persons with disabilities to retain assets and qualify for medical assistance.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 3, 2016](#) Human Services Committee JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 282](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD CHILDREN MAY RETAIN DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THEIR PARENTS' INSURANCE POLICIES', to allow children to retain dental insurance coverage under their parents' insurance policies until they attain the age of twenty-six.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 3, 2016](#) [S.B. No. 282](#) died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[S.B. No. 291](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH PROVIDERS' ACCESS TO PATIENT RECORDS', to allow a telehealth provider to provide telehealth services when the provider has access to, or knowledge of, the patient's medical history or the patient's health record.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 2, 2016](#) [S.B. No. 291](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

[S.B. No. 292](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS' File No. 318, Senate Cal. No. 247, to require the licensure of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 2, 2016](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 294](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY', to require the Commissioner of Developmental Services to take certain actions relating to the Department of Developmental Services' waiting list, to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to consult with stakeholders on a plan to close facilities operated by the department and to require advance notice when an individual with intellectual disability's eligibility for state-assisted care will end.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 2, 2016](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

S.B. No. 298 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH SERVICES FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS' File No. 319, Senate Cal. No. 237, to require the Department of Social Services to provide coverage for telehealth services to Medicaid recipients. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing March 2, 2016 Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference to the Human Services Committee. **Human Services Committee JF to the Senate.**

S.B. No. 302 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON BUSINESSES' File No. 321, Senate Cal. No. 223, to require fiscal notes by the Office of Fiscal Analysis to include an estimate of the number of businesses that would be affected by proposed legislation and an estimated fiscal impact on such businesses and, for regulatory flexibility analyses of proposed regulations, to redefine small business to include any business with two hundred fifty or fewer employees and to require additional information in such analyses. REF. COMMERCE Public Hearing March 1, 2016 Commerce Committee JFS to the Senate.

S.B. No. 392 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS FAIRNESS ACT IN CONNECTICUT UPON PASSAGE IN CONGRESS', to exclude for Medicaid eligibility purposes assets from a special needs trust established by a nonelderly individual with disabilities on his or her own behalf upon passage by Congress of the Special Needs Trust Fairness Act of 2015. REF. HUMAN SERVICES Public Hearing March 8, 2016 Human Services Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 419 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAXES FOR NONPROFIT GROUP HOMES', to exempt from property taxes specified real property used for permanent housing owned by, or held in trust for, federally tax-exempt organizations organized exclusively for charitable purposes. REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Public Hearing March 11, 2016 Planning and Development Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 421 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT', to (1) create requirements for the expenditure of municipal revenue sharing grants and select payment in lieu of taxes grants; (2) authorize the Office of Policy and Management to create and maintain a web site for the solicitation of proposals for solutions to urban area problems; and (3) establish pilot programs based on such proposals, and to establish a commission to study the manner in which state funding is utilized by nonprofit providers and review the requirements imposed on nonprofit providers by state agencies and compliance with those requirements by nonprofit providers. REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Public Hearing March 11, 2016 Planning and Development Committee JFS to the Senate.

- **House Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5014](#) REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN ABLE ACCOUNT', to allow a deduction from the personal income tax for contributions made to an ABLE account.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [H.B. No. 5014](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

[H.B. No. 5044](#) REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearings February 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, 2016](#)

[H.B. No. 5046](#) REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing February 26, 2015](#)

[H.B. No. 5050](#) REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT MODERNIZING THE SYMBOL OF ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 22, 2016](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5057](#) REP. ZIOBRON, 34th DIST.; SEN. KANE, 32nd DIST.; REP. AMAN, 14th DIST.; REP. BELSITO, 53rd DIST.; REP. BETTS, 78th DIST.; REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST.; REP. CASE, 63rd DIST.; SEN. CHAPIN, 30th DIST.; REP. MULLIGAN, 55th DIST.; REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST.; REP. WILMS, 142nd DIST.; REP. TWEEDIE, 13th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST.; REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. MINER, 66th DIST.; REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST.; REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST.; SEN. MARKLEY, 16th DIST.; REP. LEGEY, 17th DIST.; REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST.; REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST.; SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS', to close the gap between state employee and private sector benefit plans and to make our state budget responsive to current economic realities.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [H.B. No. 5057](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 5128](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to require funds appropriated to the Department of Developmental Services that are unexpended at the end of fiscal years 2016 and 2017 remain available for expenditure by the department.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 16, 2016](#) Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 5176](#) (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY RESIDENCES' [File No. 46](#) House Cal. No. 58, to allow municipalities to designate an employee to serve as a liaison between the municipality and any state agency with respect to community residences located in such municipality, and to establish a task force to study the distribution of community residences throughout the state.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [Public Hearing February 19, 2016](#) Planning and Development Committee JFS to the House.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5210](#) REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CHAPEL HAVEN IN NEW HAVEN', to authorize bonds of the state for the rehabilitation of Chapel Haven in New Haven.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [H.B. No. 5210](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

[H.B. No. 5255](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GUARDIANSHIP OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY' [File No. 135](#) House Cal. No. 117, to remove obsolete terms and clarify confidentiality of records and other provisions in statutes concerning guardianships of persons with intellectual disabilities.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 3, 2016](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 5271](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING IN STATE AND LOCAL POLICE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF PROVIDERS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS' [File No. 225](#), House Cal. No. 168, to require (1) state and local police training programs to provide training on handling incidents involving individuals affected with a developmental disability and to require the duration of training on individuals affected with a serious mental illness or developmental disability to be not less than two hours; and (2) on-call mental health services providers. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 24, 2016](#) Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference to the Public Safety and Security Committee. **Public Safety and Security Committee JF to the House.**

[H.B. No. 5285](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE OMBUDSMAN TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING RECIPIENTS OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE' [File No. 138](#), House Cal. No. 120, to expand the oversight of the State Ombudsman to home and community-based services.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 25, 2016](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 5289](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE PERSONS' [File No. 140](#) House Cal. No. 122, to improve protective services for vulnerable persons in the state.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 25, 2016](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House.

H.B. No. 5305 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL TRAINING', to provide annual training to school paraprofessionals. REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing February 24, 2016](#) Education Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5346 (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY CONFIDENTIALITY BASED ON A PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY', to implement the recommendations of the Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning the protection of confidential information. REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS [Public Hearing February 29, 2016](#) Program Review and Investigations Committee JFS Change of Reference to the Public Health Committee. **Public Health Committee JF to the House.**

H.B. No. 5361 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CONSERVED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS' [File No. 146](#), House Cal. No. 128, to protect the rights of protected persons to interact with family and friends. REF. AGING [Public Hearing March 3, 2016](#) Committee on Aging JFS to the House.

H.B. No. 5368 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER SERVICES AND HOMEMAKER COMPANION AGENCIES' [File No. 231](#), House Cal. No. 174, to designate a homemaker-companion agency, registry or homemaker-home health agency as the employer of an individual providing certain services to consumers for the purposes of unemployment compensation, wages and workers' compensation and to remove liability for such individual's personal injuries arising out of and in the course of employment from the consumer. REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 8, 2016](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the House.

H.B. No. 5370 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE', to raise the minimum wage, incrementally, to fifteen dollars per hour. REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 3, 2016](#) **H.B. No. 5370** died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

H.B. No. 5373 (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE OF A CONFIDENTIAL STATE AGENCY PERSONAL DATA SYSTEMS INVENTORY BASED ON A PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY' [File No. 117](#), House Cal. No. 111, to implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning the creation of a confidential state agency personal data systems inventory. REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS [Public Hearing February 29, 2016](#) Program Review and Investigations Committee JF to the House. **House referred to the Government Administration and Elections Committee.**

H.B. No. 5417 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CREATING AN OFFICE OF OVERTIME ACCOUNTABILITY', to create an Office of Overtime Accountability to examine overtime costs of state agencies and make recommendations for reducing such costs. REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 4, 2016](#)

H.B. No. 5429 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACIES AND COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATION', to establish a voluntary program for the collection and disposal of unused pharmaceuticals by pharmacies.

REF. GENERAL LAW **Public Hearing March 3, 2016 H.B. No. 5429** died in the General Law Committee.

H.B. No. 5438 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT DELETING OBSOLETE STATUTORY PROVISIONS CONCERNING WORKSHOPS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES' **File No. 150**, House Cal. No. 132, to repeal obsolete statutory provisions concerning workshops for persons with disabilities formerly administered by the Department of Rehabilitation Services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing March 3, 2016** Human Services Committee JF to the House.

H.B. No. 5497 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE LIST OF LEGISLATIVELY APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS', to require the posting of a publicly accessible list of all boards, commissions or councils that have legislative appointments.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS **Public Hearing March 7, 2016** Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House.

H.B. No. 5498 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVIEW OF EXISTING AGENCY REGULATIONS', to have legislative committees of the General Assembly hold agencies responsible for the periodic review of their regulations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS **Public Hearing March 7, 2016** Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House.

H.B. No. 5517 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COST-SHARING FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to limit coinsurance, copayments, deductibles or other out-of-pocket expenses imposed on insureds for prescription drugs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE **Public Hearing March 10, 2016 H.B. No. 5517** died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

H.B. No. 5541 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES THAT EXCEED ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT', to incentivize privately owned businesses to upgrade their facilities to exceed the standards for accessible design developed pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 7, 2016 S.B. No. 291** died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5558 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF ABLE ACCOUNTS' **File No. 295**, House Cal. No. 219, to study the possibility of converting funds deposited in 529 college savings accounts into ABLE accounts.

REF. BANKING **Public Hearing March 8, 2016** Banking Committee JF to the House.

H.B. No. 5587 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES' File No. 301, House Cal. No. 225, to establish a council to make recommendations concerning services for children and young adults with developmental disabilities who may or may not have mental health treatment needs.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES Public Hearing March 8, 2016 Human Services Committee JF to the House.

H.B. No. 5628 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS TO ABLE ACCOUNTS', to allow for the roll-over of funds from a college savings account into an ABLE account.
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING Public Hearing March 16, 2016

- **Deficit Mitigation and Beyond**

On Tuesday, March 29, 2016, the Senate and House passed Emergency Certified **S.B. No. 474 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017** as amended by **Senate Amendment A**. Senate Amendment A was a “strike-all” amendment that replaced the original language in the bill with the agreed upon deficit mitigation plan. The Senate passed the amended bill on a vote of 33 to 3. The House of Representatives passed the bill 127 to 16. The provisions of the bill will go into effect once the Governor has signed it. **The deficit mitigation package in S.B. No. 474 replaces Governor Malloy’s list of rescissions announced on March 16, 2016.**

S.B. No. 474, as amended by **Senate Amendment A**, reduces the current fiscal year’s (FY16) expenditures by a total of \$220 million. **DDS’s portion of these deficit mitigation reductions is just under \$3.4 million.** The 2016 fiscal year ends June 30, 2016 and the bill’s reductions are being made to the final quarter (April, May and June) of the department’s budget.

Members of the General Assembly also voted to extend the JF deadlines (the day a committee must report out its bills) for the Appropriations Committee and the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee by one week so as to allow the committees to complete work on the fiscal year 2017 (FY17) budget adjustment legislation. The FY17 budget adjustments are needed to cover an estimated \$900 million shortfall in the state’s budget for FY17 that begins July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2017. The Appropriations and Finance Committees are now scheduled to finish their proposed budget adjustment bill not later than April 7th. **The House and the Senate must then pass budget adjustment legislation, after discussions with the Governor, by May 4, 2016 at midnight.** If no budget adjustment legislation were to pass by the end of the regular legislative session, the FY16/FY17 budget passed last year (**Public Act No. 15-244 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE, DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX FAIRNESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**) would remain in effect but with the anticipated \$900 million shortfall still to be resolved.

- **Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2017**

On the 2016 session's opening day, February 3, 2016, Governor Malloy addressed the General Assembly and detailed his midterm budget adjustments for fiscal year 2017. Below is the link to the webpage for the **Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments** and links to the various sections of the budget adjustment document. The pages on which DDS information is available are shown next to the links. Also, below is a PDF link to the two page DDS budget summary from the budget adjustment document.

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